

Park Avenue
Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישראל

December Bulletin



**Once-in-a-Lifetime
Opportunity**

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at "The Spark
Within Us"**

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Connecting to God**

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From the Rabbi's Desk

As we come to the conclusion of our exploration of The Spark Within Us, I would like to share with you moments in the lives of a few Jews that characterize that unquantifiable, indefinable



characteristic that either brought them back to Judaism or that illustrate their deep and abiding Jewish loyalty—the *pintele yid*.

Arnold

Schonberg was one of the great musical geniuses of the last century. He was raised in an ambivalent Jewish home and when he fell in love, the only condition of the marriage was baptism. When asked at the time "What are you?" he said: "I am an atheist, unbelieving, and freethinking, as my father was." So Schonberg converted. Years later, divorced and alone, he attended the synagogue with friends who brought him to hear the music of *Kol Nidre*. He was so moved by the experience that he decided to return to Jewish life. In a ceremony at the Rue de Copernic Synagogue, Arnold Schonberg returned to his Judaism. His witness for the ceremony was Marc Chagall. In 1938, at the request of Rabbi Jacob Sonderling, he wrote a new *Kol Nidre*. This man, who had moved so far away from his Judaism, came to understand himself as a Jew again through the power of *Kol Nidre*.

Max Nordau, a critic of Europe's decadent civilization, became a leader of the Zionist Movement. His daughter described a scene seared into her memory: "I shall never forget the day, so strange to me, when I saw my father, the author of *Conventional Lies*, the atheist, carrying the Scrolls of the Law,

his shoulders wrapped in the *talit*. The small Jewish community in the Spanish capital had obtained – not without difficulty – the right to open a synagogue in the back yard. They asked father to inaugurate it, and he consented as a token of solidarity, as a step toward unity among the Jews. The long-forgotten words of prayer came back to his lips, and in his innermost

soul there must have been a deep gratitude for that unique moment of communion."

Walter Rathenau, the brilliant statesman of Weimar Germany, who had rebelled against Judaism in his youth, toward middle age took up the study of Hebrew and began a return to the faith of his fathers, guided by the master theologian Martin Buber. Shortly before

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES DECEMBER 2005

Friday, December 2
Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Saturday, December 3
Hashkama Service 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service 9:15 am

*Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Grinberg,
son of Efraim Grinberg*

Havurah Service 9:30 am
Tot *Shabbat* Service 11:15 am
Minha.....4:15 pm

Friday, December 9
Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service 5:15 pm
Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, December 10
Hashkama Service 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service 9:15 am
Minha.....4:15 pm

Friday, December 16
Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Saturday, December 17
Hashkama Service 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service 9:15 am
Havurah Service 9:30 pm
Minha.....4:15 pm

Friday, December 23
Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Saturday, December 24
Hashkama Service 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service 9:15 am
Minha.....4:30 pm

Friday, December 30
Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm

Saturday, December 31
Hashkama Service 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service 9:15 am
Minha.....4:30 pm

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

From the Chairman

It is hard to believe that this is the last article you will read from me in our Spark Within Us year. I hope that each of you has had the opportunity to think about what it means to be Jewish today and how we can express the importance of Judaism in our lives for the generations that will follow.



Our year will soon culminate at the Museum of Jewish Heritage at an evening with Judea Pearl. Thank you to Barbara Weinstein and Erica Goldberg for all they have

done to ensure that this will be a most remarkable evening. I can think of no better setting for this final event and no better speaker than the editor of our 2nd Annual Great Synagogue Read-In book, "I am Jewish." I so hope

I will see all of you there (see details on page 4).

Thank you again to our gifted clergy and staff and a special thank you to Sarah Gribetz, to theme committee chair Paul Corwin and his committee, for the creative ideas that guided our congregational exploration of this issue.

January will begin a new focus—"Enriching our Jewish Lives"—which will help us to better understand our own set of rituals and the uniquely Jewish aspect to our prayers. This will be the third and final year of a three-part series of exploring themes of significant importance to the Conservative Jew of the 21st century, last year being our relationship to Israel and this year, The Spark Within Us.

The genesis of these three years of study resulted from the interests of our congregants. The beauty of Park Avenue Synagogue is the richness of

the diversity of the congregation. With that diversity comes a broad spectrum of interests and observance. As has been the case during the last two years, I encourage you to take from next year's offerings the programs and lectures that can add something to your life. The objective of the theme committee is to create multiple ways of examining the topic. As an example, congregants who lack familiarity with the *Shabbat* Morning Service will have an opportunity to learn about the structure and meaning of the service and those who are quite comfortable with all that goes on in the Sanctuary will have the chance to look deeper into the prayers and their origins.

It should be an exciting year, and I look very forward to sharing it with all of you.

— Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

his murder by Nazi thugs, Rathenau wrote: "After an estrangement of twenty years, I am back with my people. I have come to be one of them again, to participate in the celebration of the holidays, to share the memories and hope of a nation, to take part in the spiritual and intellectual warfare going on within the House of Israel on the one hand, and between our own people and the surrounding civilized world on the other."

Franz Rosenzweig became one of the greatest Jewish philosophers and scholars of the 20th century. In 1912, in Leipzig, he ran into a distant relative, Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, who was on his way to becoming an unconventional but significant Protestant theologian. Out of his own highly literate and passionate faith, Rosenstock-Huessy urged Rosenzweig to defend his nominal

Jewishness or convert. After an intensive discussion on the night of July 7, 1913, Rosenzweig decided to convert, making only the reservation that he would become a Christian not as "a pagan" but "as a Jew," i.e., not by rejecting his Jewish origin but by recapitulating the consummation of Judaism in Christianity. He enacted this resolution by attending High Holiday services in a small Orthodox synagogue in Berlin, but he came out of this experience reversing his decision: He now declared that he knew himself to be a Jew; that the Jew does not need to seek God, for he is already with God; and that he intended henceforth to recover Judaism for himself and, possibly, for others like him. The circumstances under which this "return" to Judaism occurred had a profound effect upon him, leading him

to begin writing his magnum opus, *The Star of Redemption*, while serving in the German Army's trenches during World War I, and continuing to influence his increasingly observant lifestyle until his tragic death from ALS.

None of these individuals were rabbis or cantors; all went so far as to reject, or to contemplate rejecting, Judaism. Yet each found something powerful in themselves and in Judaism that asserted itself and brought them great comfort, satisfaction and a renewed sense of belonging and meaning.

If each of us can find and then nurture our own powerful Jewish *raison d'être*, and transmit how much it means to us, we too, will have made a significant contribution to Judaism.

— Kenneth A Stern
Rabbi

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Friday Night Service

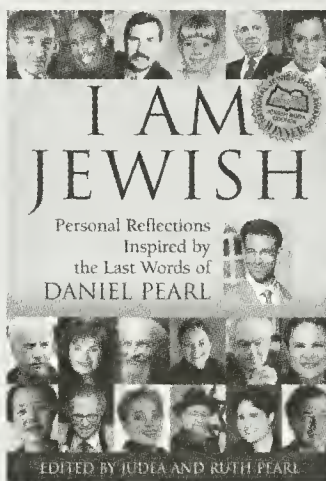
Put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips on **Friday, December 2 at 6:15 pm** when the *Rinah U'Tefilah* song and prayer service will provide you with a spiritual bridge from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat*.

Hear a New York Premiere at the Annual Musicale

For almost 50 years, Park Avenue Synagogue has produced special liturgical services and concerts of Jewish music. Our 7th Annual Musicale promises to expand on this glorious heritage. On **Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, we will present the New York premiere of *Like Smoke Above the Wind*, a new oratorio commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, and the birth of the State of Israel.

Like Smoke Above the Wind was composed by Charles David Osborne, with text by Aryeh Finkelstein, as a Cantors Assembly commission project, and was first presented in workshop form at the Cantors Assembly Convention in May, 2005. The work is scored for vocal soloists, narrator, children's chorus, mixed adult chorus, violin, viola, cello and piano. The piece is arranged in three sections: "The Horrors of War," "The Coming of Peace," and "The Rebirth of the Land." While the topic is serious, the music is uplifting and powerful, and will be meaningful to young people and adults. Our cantors, David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson, will be joined by the Congregational Singers, our Youth Choir, a narrator, a string trio and accompanist, all under the direction of Neil Robinson.

Celebrate a Year of Exploring "The Spark Within Us"



Join us at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park City on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm** as we cap an inspirational and educational year of exploring "The Spark Within Us." On this special evening, there will be private, curator-led gallery tours, a dessert reception, and a talk by Judea Pearl, father of Daniel Pearl. Judea Pearl is

the co-editor of our 2nd Annual Great Synagogue Read-In selection, *I Am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl*, and co-founder of the Daniel Pearl Foundation. Judea Pearl has been on the UCLA faculty since 1970 and is now professor of computer



science and statistics. He also travels widely to speak on the challenge and privilege of being Jewish in the 21st century. Watch your mail for an invitation.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Join in the discussion of *Natasha* by David Bezmozgis on **Monday, December 12 at 8:00 pm**, led by Pat Davidson.



Rabbi Abner Weiss To Speak About "Connecting to God"

Is *Kabbalah* just for celebrities or can it be accessible, relevant and helpful to everyone as a therapeutic tool? Find out when Rabbi and therapist Abner

Weiss, author of *Connecting to God, Ancient Kabbalah and Modern Psychology*, speaks and signs copies of his new book on **Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 pm**. Rabbi Weiss studied for the rabbinate in his native South Africa, in Israel, and at Yeshiva University. He also received a Master's in Psychology from California State University and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist, a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, and a member of the American Psychological Association. Rabbi Weiss has studied *Kabbalah* since 1965 and has given seminars around the world. Books will be available for sale at the event. ☆

Don't forget the first candle of Hanukkah: Sunday, December 25.

Arms' Programs & Events

WEG: Study and Socialize on Rosh Hodesh

Moonbeams, a monthly *Rosh Hodesh* study/social experience, invites women of all ages in the congregation to participate in an adventure of learning and friendship on **Thursday, December 1, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**, when we will continue to study the 613 *mitzvot* at the home of one of our members, facilitated by Sarah Gribetz. For more information, consult the Synagogue Web Site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Scheffler, (212) 734-0444.

Men's Club: What the Stars and the Sky Tell Us

What do we see and what questions do we ask when we gaze into the sky at night? How big is the universe? How old are the stars? Was there ever a world without matter? How will the sky look generations from now? On **Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm**, the Men's Club is proud to present Dr. Martin Spergel, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy at CUNY, Visiting Scientist at the Hayden Planetarium, and P.A.S. member with a Talmudic bent, who will address those questions and others. During a talk that will be fascinating for all ages, Dr. Spergel will discuss the December night sky, "big bang" cosmology, and "*Mazel and the Sefer Ha-Aggadah*," Rabbinic legends in the Talmud with astrological overtones. Light refreshments will be served.

Men's Club: Project Ezra Hanukkah Party

Once again this year, the Men's Club, assisted by High School students and their parents, will brighten the lives of senior citizens from the Lower East Side by serving them lunch and providing holiday entertainment. The party will be held on **Sunday December 11 at 11:00 am**.

Sisterhood: Daytime Book Discussion Group

Join us on **Monday, December 12 at 11:00 am** for a lively discussion of *When Memory Comes* by Saul Friedlander, and for coffee and cake.

Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Join us at the Yiddish Club for conversation and refreshments to celebrate *Hanukkah*, on **Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00 pm**.

Sisterhood: Hanukkah Celebration

All are invited on **Tuesday, December 20 at 1:00 pm** for a *Hanukkah* celebration and the showing of a short documentary film, *In the Path of Prayer: The Ancient Synagogues of Israel*, which opens a fascinating window on the religious life of ancient Israel. Enjoy the holiday festivities, the film and a light lunch.

WEG: Evening at The Jewish Museum

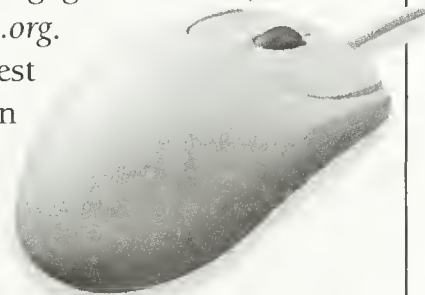
WEG invites all P.A.S. members to an evening at The Jewish Museum on **Thursday, December 22 at 6:00 pm** for a light dinner, followed at 6:45 pm by a docent-led tour of the exhibit "Sarah Bernhardt: The Art of High Drama." This is the first major museum show ever devoted to the great French actress. There is no charge for WEG members; all others

pay the Museum fees. Space is limited; please R.S.V.P. no later than December 15 by contacting Linda Klempner (212) 744-0234, LSKnyc@aol.com or Beth Gray Tannenbaum (212) 734-7343, BethGT@NYCrr.com.

Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Victims of Katrina in honor of *Hanukkah*. ☆

P.A.S. Is Just a Click Away

Spend a few minutes at Park Avenue Synagogue's website, www.pasyn.org. Get the latest information on events, programs, classes, meetings, etc. See the Synagogue calendar. Sign up for email groups. Communicate with our clergy and staff.



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Shabbaton 2006/5766

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January 20-21, 2006 • 20-21 Tevet 5766



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Erev Shabbat, January 20

- *Rinah U'Tefillah* Friday night services
- *Shabbat Dinner* by reservation only
- Remarks by Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi David Wolpe, following dinner
- Special "after-party" for high school students with Rabbi David Wolpe

Shabbat, January 21

- Numerous services for all ages, including *D'var Torah* by Rabbi Wolpe in main sanctuary
- Buffet lunch by reservation only
- Conversation with Rabbi David Wolpe
- Break-out sessions for adults & teens led by Rabbi David Wolpe, Amichai Lau-Lavie and P.A.S. Clergy
- Afternoon workshops for children of all ages
- *Seudah Shlishit* all are welcome
- *Mincha & Maariv* followed by Musical *Havdallah* led by Storahtelling all are welcome

FEATURED GUESTS



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE **Rabbi David Wolpe**

Rabbi David Wolpe is the Rabbi at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, California. Previously he taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, where he also served as assistant to the Chancellor. He was named "one of the fifty most influential Jews in America" by the *Forward* and in 2004 delivered the keynote for the General Assembly of Jewish leaders. Rabbi Wolpe is the author of six books and many articles, and has appeared frequently on television.

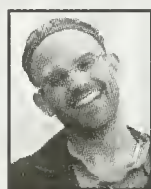
GUEST EDUCATOR **Amichai Lau-Lavie**

Amichai Lau-Lavie is an Israeli-born mythologist, storyteller and teacher of Judaic Literature. In 1998 he founded and is currently the Artistic Director of The New York based Storahtelling Company: Jewish Ritual Theatre Revived. He is a Synagogue 2000 Fellow, and a recipient of the Joshua Venture Fellowship for 2002-2004.



GUEST MUSICIANS **Storahtelling**

The reading of Torah is one of the world's oldest forms of ritual storytelling still in practice. By incorporating innovative translations, dramatic commentary and live music into the weekly reading, *Storahtelling* brings the Torah front and center as an inspiring and creative part of Jewish life.



MUSICIAN EDUCATORS

Brian Gelfand & Jody Prusan

P.A.S. musicians and educators Brian Gelfand and Jody Prusan look forward to providing fun activities for preschoolers and school-aged children once again at this year's *Shabbaton*!

Synagogue Family

December Bar Mitzvah

Samuel Grinberg

December 3, 2005



Sam Grinberg moved to Manhattan and P.A.S. in 2001 with his father and sister. He is in the eighth grade at Fieldston School, where he is his grade's Student Council representative.

Aside from academics, Sam is passionate about skiing, football, and lacrosse. He currently plays on Fieldston's 8th & 9th grade football team. Music – from jazz to classic rock – has been an ongoing interest for Sam; he has played the saxophone, piano and, most recently, the bass guitar.

Sam's father, Efraim, became a *Bar Mitzvah* at P.A.S. 35 years ago. His late mother, Jane, was passionate about Judaism and Jewish education. The Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School at Har Zion Synagogue in Penn Valley,

Pennsylvania, was dedicated in her memory. In honor of his *Bar Mitzvah*, Sam will be making a donation to the Jane F. Grinberg Breast Cancer Research Fund at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Sam would like to thank all of the clergy for helping him to prepare for this special day.

With Thanks & Appreciation

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a "yasher koach" to these teenagers who read Torah on the second day of Rosh Hashanah:

Daniel Bernstein, Andrew Colvin, Suzanne Gold, Adam Mandelsberg, Gabrielle Nagler, Josh Parker, Melissa Rutman, Stephen Rutman, Carolyn Ruvkun, Elana Seplow-Jolley and Molly Silberberg.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. & Ms. Richard Bessinger, Mrs. Constance Broder, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cohen, Mr. Adam Feldman & Dr. Amy Feldman, Mrs. Nancy Schneider-Gardner, Ms. Karin Grouf, Mr. & Mrs. Michael

Lipsky, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Rosenberg, Mr. Harold Seidel & Dr. Claudene Seidel, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Shore, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Weingarten, Dr. & Mrs. H. Richard Winn.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- Ethel Rubinstein Feuer, on the passing of her father, Frank Rubinstein.
- Peter Gruenberger, on the passing of his mother, Olga Gruenberger.
- Marilyn Katz, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Robert Katz.
- Frieda Leszkowitz and Lucy S. Lipiner, on the passing of their mother, Rose Mandelbaum.
- Rise B. Norman, on the passing of her father, Herbert Norman.
- High School Director Lisa Samick, on the passing of her sister, Jennifer R. Crowley.
- Malka Schwarz, on the passing of her husband, Mannes Schwarz.
- Debra Weinberg-Paull, on the passing of her father, Daniel Weinberg. ✡

PLEASE TEAR OFF COUPON TO RESERVE FOR THE SHABBATON

What is a Shabbaton?

1. A time to reflect; a time to learn in an intimate setting with noted scholar, Rabbi David Wolpe; a time to feel part of a community; a time for children and adults to be enlightened and enriched; a time when a spirit of excitement and vitality permeates the synagogue.
2. An opportunity to experience a full *Shabbat*, from Friday night services and dinner, through *Shabbat* morning prayer, *kiddush* and lunch, learning, song, celebration, and relaxation, all concluding with a third meal and special musical *Havdallah*.
3. Friday night, January 20 – Saturday evening, January 21, 2006 at Park Avenue Synagogue; *Kabbalat Shabbat* through *Motzei Shabbat*.

Please return this form with your check made payable to Park Avenue Synagogue to reserve your place at the *Shabbaton*. R.S.V.P. by January 13, 2006.

- ☐ Yes! I/We plan to attend the ENTIRE *SHABBATON* for a full *Shabbat* experience.
- _____ adults @ \$75 each
_____ students (ages 13-18) @ \$35 each
_____ children (ages 12 & under) @ \$25 each

- ☐ I/We plan to attend FRIDAY ONLY.
- _____ adults @ \$45 each
_____ students (ages 13-18) @ \$25
_____ children (12 & under) @ \$20

- ☐ I/We plan to attend SATURDAY ONLY.
- _____ adults @ \$45 each
_____ students (ages 13-18) @ \$25
_____ children (12 & under) @ \$20

Name/s _____

Children's names and ages _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Check enclosed for a total amount of \$ _____

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Learn Hebrew on Mondays

December 5, 12, 19; January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 20, 27

- **Prayer Book Hebrew for Beginners**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm;
Sarah Gribetz, instructor

- **Conversational Hebrew for Advanced Beginners**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm;
Andi Meiseles, instructor

- **Intermediate Modern Hebrew**

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm;
Varda Hubara, instructor

Study Talmud & Torah on Tuesdays

- **Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln**

Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am
NO CHARGE

- **Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Stern**

Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 11:00 am
NO CHARGE

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan or a Shabbat Kiddush. Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.



The Spark Within Us: An Interview With a P.A.S. Congregant

"I want to pass on to my children my love of Judaism and its traditions, and create a home, along with my husband Mark, that reflects our commitment to Jewish values. I want my children to understand the importance of giving of oneself to the community just for the sake of giving. While Mark was saying *Kaddish* for his father, we were so touched by the outpouring of warmth, caring and concern from the P.A.S. community. Walking in the door of P.A.S. is like coming home."

— Rachael First

Study Judaism on Wednesdays

- **Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask**

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 10:30 am - 11:45 am (except on 12/21, 12/28, 2/22; 4/12, 4/19)

Sarah Gribetz, instructor

- **Women on the Verge...**

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm (except on 12/21, 12/28, 2/22, 4/12, 4/19)

Study & Discuss on Thursdays

- **Lunch 'n' Learn**

Ongoing Thursdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
NO CHARGE

Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors

Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

Men's Retiree Group

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Discuss international politics, Israel, local issues. Call Mr. Levine, (212) 988-8989, for more information.

Family Education/Kehillah.

Tot Shabbat

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat morning, **Saturday, December 3, 11:15 am – 12:00 pm.**

Hanukkah Family Art Workshop

Join Artist-in-Residence Ellen Alt and Family and Adult Educator Sarah Gribetz on **Sunday, December 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**, as they guide children and adults through Jewish text study and the creative arts to build a large sculpture to adorn the Synagogue lobby during the week of Hanukkah. This workshop will be a special opportunity for all ages to create, exhibit and take pride in their work.

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Join Jody Prusan and members of the clergy on **Friday, December 9, 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm** for a special service for toddlers and pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends. ☆

News From Our Schools



Congregational School

by Ron Koas, Education Director

Principal Ron

I've been at P.A.S for more than three months, and have gotten to meet many of you. As you know, a principal's job is not an easy one: He/She must possess qualities that satisfy everyone—good people skills, Judaic knowledge, experience, enthusiasm, a plan of action, creativity and a willingness to be innovative. He/She must also like kids, be a good role model, be goal-oriented, have an understanding of formal and informal education, be a good decision-maker, a good team player, a competent supervisor of staff, and be able to communicate orally and in writing. The list goes on: insightful into the needs of staff



Vav students packing food for the Food Pantry, one of several projects Congregational School students participated in for Mitzvot in Elul.

and students, open to the community, approachable, good at implementing programs, a self-starter, able to work well with families and understand a budget, familiar with trends in Jewish education, understand Hebrew, and energy. Wow!!!

I see my role as *Principal Ron* as three-fold:

1. I need to be accessible to parents, students and teachers. This means that everyone should feel comfortable approaching me, whether with questions, comments or criticism, and feel free to discuss issues, ideas and problems. Open communication benefits everyone. I see parents, students and teachers as partners, forming a triangle of cooperation.
2. I must make decisions. Decision-making is not easy, but all decisions I make as *Principal Ron* will be for the benefit of our students, even if they may not be popular.
3. I need a sense of direction, a goal that I am working toward for our school. My goal is to provide students with Hebrew skills and Jewish knowledge, and to instill within them a strong, positive Jewish identity while making our school a child-friendly place to be.

I'm sure that I can serve our school well if I work together in partnership with you. I'm sure that this will be a fruitful year for our school.

Early Childhood Center Annual Concert for Kids

Don't miss Wendy Gelsanliter and Friends, who will perform at P.A.S. on **Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am** to the delight of young and old alike. Wendy has performed at The Jewish Museum and around town. Her hit songs "Ants Wear Underpants" and

"Dancin' in the Kitchen" are soon to be featured on Nickelodeon. The concert, sponsored by the E.C.C. Parents Association, is \$18 per family (this includes as many family members as wish to attend). Reservations are required! For more information and to make reservations, contact Geri Besca, winbarg@aol.com. ☆

December Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with December birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, December 9 at 6:15 pm**. Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

Mr. Wayne Aaron & Mrs. Karyn Zeldman-Aaron
 Mr. Marc Abitbol & Mrs. Beverly Walker
 Mrs. Albertine Aboody
 Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Abrams
 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Abramson
 Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Abramovitz
 Mr. & Ms. Allen Adamson
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adler
 Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Agisim
 Mr. & Mrs. Philip Agisim
 Mrs. Helene Agress
 Mr. Arthur Ainsberg
 Dr. & Mrs. James Aisenberg
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 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Alden
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Synagogue Offerings

Mr. Allen Adamson, in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Adamson.

Lucy & Robert Becker, in memory of Adam Fraier, beloved son of Mark and Sarita Fraier.

Georgette Bennett, in honor of Rabbis Lincoln and Stern and Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson, in thanks for their dedicated work in preparing Joshua to become a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Mr. Daniel Bernstein, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Daniel Bernstein, in memory of his beloved father, Arthur Harold Bernstein.

Mrs. Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Arthur Harold Bernstein.

Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Jacob Bernstein.

Louis Bernstein & Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of Jennifer Crowley, sister of Lisa Samick.

Mrs. Esther Biederman, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Grabelsky.

Mr. Edward Blank, in memory of his beloved wife, Dr. Sharon Cosloy Blank.

Mrs. Ruth Boody, in memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia R. Jacobs.

Toni & Bob Ceisler, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fraier.

Mrs. Katherine Chavkin, in memory of her beloved mother, Janet Showe.

Lisa & Larry Cohen, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of Abigail Smul.

Mr. David Cook, in honor of his birthday.

Dr. Rhoda Cutler, in memory of Sophie & Sam Cutler.

Dr. Juliet Demb, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Cooper.

Mrs. Irene Dressner, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Bernard Elkie, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Helen Erlich, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. William Felder, in memory of his beloved father, Edward Felder.

Mrs. Eleanore Geringer, in memory of her beloved father, Bernard Nissen.

Mrs. Morris Goldberg, in memory of her beloved husband, Morris Jacob Goldberg.

Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved husband, Jack I. Goldfinger.

Dr. James Goldman, in memory of his beloved mother, Katherine Goldman.

Mrs. Elsie Goll, in honor of her 90th birthday.

Dr. Ethan Gologor, in memory of his beloved mother, Esther Gologor.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Goodman, in honor of their anniversary.

Herta & Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

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Contributions

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Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr Gary Grad.
Mr. & Mrs. Gedalio Grinberg.

Mrs. Sharon Jablon, in memory of her beloved mother, Ruth Kupersmith.

Mrs. Helen Judlowe, in memory of her beloved mother, Evelyn Lautenberg.

Mrs. Miriam Kaplan, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Gail Karr, in memory of her beloved father, Paul Brown.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved mother, Chana Kekst.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in honor of his High Holy Days honor.

Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in memory of her beloved brother, Jesse

Bloomfield.

Mrs. Dorothy Ann Kirsch, in memory of her beloved father, Edward Tejw.

Mr. Mark Kirsch, in memory of his beloved grandfather, Edward Tejw.

Dr. Rona Kurtz, in memory of her beloved mother, Syd Krulik.

Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Sarita & Mark Fraier.

Mrs. Joan M. Leiman, in memory of her beloved father, John Maisel.

Ms. Ketty Setton-Levantrosser, in honor of her birthday.

Joan & Martin Levenson, in memory of Nathan Levine M.D.

Mrs. Phyllis Leventhal, in memory of her beloved mother, Gladys Braun.

Alan & Alison Levine, in honor of their first anniversary.

Alan & Alison Levine, in

memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

Mr. David Levitan, in memory of his beloved father, Shlomo Yehuda Levitan.

Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of her High Holy Days honor.

Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of her beloved mother, Mildred Pascal.

Mrs. Lucy Lipiner, in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Mandelbaum.

Mrs. Miriam London, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Miriam London., in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Selma London.

Mrs. Carol Mandel, in memory of her beloved grandfather, David Hoexter.

Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Markman, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Ben Mendelsohn, in honor of his birthday.

Ms. Gertrude Mintz.

Mr. & Mrs. David Mitchell, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved wife, Patricia Orden.

Ms. Susan Orenbuch, in memory of her beloved father, Berek Orenbuch.

Mrs. Rachel Philipp, in honor of Sherry Cohen, Sisterhood Co-President.

Mrs. Rachel Philipp, in memory of her beloved brother, Dr. Ernest Furchtgott.

Dr. Morris Podolsky, in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Harold

Podolsky.

Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved brother, Marvin Gansberg.

Ms. Ruth Rabinowitz, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Rabinowitz.

Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in memory of his beloved brother, Benjamin Rochlin.

Mrs. Anne Rosberger, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Henry Rosberger.

Mrs. Joan Rosen, in memory of her beloved sister, Barbara Applebaum.

Mrs. Sandra Rosen, in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie Ratzkin.

Mr. Imre Roth, in memory of his beloved mother, Serena Roth.

Lite & Arnold Sabin, in memory of Adam Fraier, beloved son of Sarita & Mark Fraier.

Mr. Andre Sassoon, in memory of his beloved mother, Sarine Sassoon.

Mr. Sylvan Scheffler, in memory of his beloved mother, Mary Scheffler.

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, in memory of Lisa Samick's sister, Jennifer Crowley.

Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in memory of her beloved husband, George M. Shapiro.

Mr. Michael Shaw, in memory of his beloved father, Louis Shwarrootz.

Mr. Stanley Siegelbaum, in memory of his beloved mother, Frances Siegelbaum.

Mr. Sydney Silberman, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Daphne Silverstein, in memory of her beloved father, Arie Cohen.

Mrs. Jacqueline Simmon, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Greif.

Ms. Susan Smirnoff, in memory of her beloved father, Nathan Smirnoff.

Ms. Jeanne R. Theodore, in memory of Ruth Kantor.

Dr. Helene Torker, in memory of her beloved father, Morris J. Goldberg.

Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Selma Weintraub, in memory of Adam Fraier, beloved son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

Ms. Meryl Wiener, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Wiener.

Mr. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her beloved husband, Paul Yuder.

Mr. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of his birthday and his High Holy Days honor.

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Roberta Zuckerman, in memory of her father, Morris E. Greebel.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Lisa and Steven Rizzi, in honor of Andres Rubinstein's 40th birthday.

Katherina and Paul Grunfeld, in memory of Adam Fraier, beloved son of Sarita and Mark Fraier.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

*In Loving Memory of
Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell*

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention?

The P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to these valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this *mitzvah*, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at (212) 369-2600, ext. 120.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for DECEMBER 2005

All information is subject to change.
Please confirm with the Synagogue office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY Schedule of Hours: Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm	REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am Mincha Sunday-Thursdays, 5:45 pm Saturday, December 3, 4, 17 at 4:15 pm; December 24, 31 at 4:30 pm	ECC=Early Childhood Center ECCPA=Early Childhood Center Parents Association CS=Congregational School CSPA=Congregational School Parents Association HS=Rabbi Judah Nadich High School	1 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 7:00 pm Parsha Class 7:30 pm Moonbeams	2 4:11 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm <i>Rinah U'Tefilah</i> Friday Evening Service	3 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am <i>Mitzan</i> Service 11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service 4:15 pm <i>Mincha</i> Parsha Toldot	
4	5 10:00 am <i>Hanukkah</i> Art Workshop 4:00 pm Musicales	6 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting, speaker Dr. Martin Spengel	7 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class	8 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 7:00 pm Spark Within Us Celebration at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, Judea Pearl speaker	9 Children's Birthday Service 4:10 pm Light Candles 5:15 pm Tot <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 6:00 pm <i>Zayin</i> & HS <i>Shabbat</i> Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	10 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 am <i>Mitzan</i> Service (Note time) 10:00 am CS <i>Shabbat B'yachad</i> 11:00 am <i>Zimriyah</i> 4:15 pm <i>Mincha</i> Parsha Vayetzel
11 11:00 am Men's Club /HS Project Ezra 11:00 am ECCPA Concert for Kids*	12 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion Group 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed. 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	13 Last Day of CS Classes 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 7:25 pm Men's Club Board Meeting	14 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 4:00 pm CS Parent-Teacher Conferences	15 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 4:00 pm CS Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00 pm <i>Parsha</i> Class 7:30 pm Book Signing, Rabbi Abner Weiss speaker	16 4:11 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	17 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 4:15 pm <i>Mincha</i> Parsha Vayishlach
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25 First <i>Hanukkah</i> Candle	26 <i>Hanukkah</i> (First Day) Synagogue Offices Closed	27 <i>Hanukkah</i> (Second Day) 8:00 am <i>Talmud</i> Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern	28 <i>Hanukkah</i> (Third Day)	29 <i>Hanukkah</i> (Fourth Day) 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	30 <i>Hanukkah</i> (Fifth Day) 4:19 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	31 <i>Hanukkah</i> (Sixth Day) 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 4:30 pm <i>Mincha</i> Parsha Miketz

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A Look Ahead

WEG: Moonbeams Study on Rosh Hodesh

Tuesdays, January 3 and 31, 7:30 pm
A study/social experience for women of all ages, facilitated by Sarah Gribetz. For more information and meeting location, consult the Synagogue Web Site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Scheffler, (212) 734-0444.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 9, 8:00 pm
Join the discussion of *The Angel of Forgetfulness* by Steve Stern, led by Pat Davidson.

Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 pm
Come to schmooze, read a short story and poems. Coffee and cake will be served.

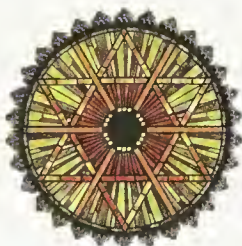
Shabbaton: Enriching Our Jewish Lives: Prayer & Practice

Friday-Saturday, January 20-21
The Shabbaton provides us the opportunity to come together as a true community of learners to experience Shabbat in a relaxed and authentic way. We will begin on Friday evening with Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner, and continue through Shabbat morning services, lunch and afternoon

study, and conclude with a *Seudah Shleshit* (traditional third meal and *Tu B'shevat Seder*) and musical *Havdallah* service. Our scholar-in-residence will be Rabbi David Wolpe; the featured guests for students will be performers and educators Storah telling; and storyteller and teacher of Judaic literature Amichai Lau-Lavie will be on hand for an afternoon breakout sessions.

WEG Film and Discussion

Monday, January 23, 7:30 pm refreshments; 8:00 pm program
Join us when Rabbi Rose will speak on a new women's ritual and show the film *Timbrels and Torahs: A Celebration of Wisdom*.



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